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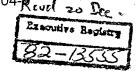
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Dear Bill:

On February 12th and 13th, 1983, the Committee for the Free World is holding a conference at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. The conference is to be called "Our Country and Our Culture" and will focus on the enduring, and damaging, hostility of contemporary American culture to American society. Three areas of the culture specifically will be discussed: the arts, the press, and the universities. I enclose herewith a detailed program.

I am writing to invite you to be our guest at this conference. As we have found it most fruitful to do in our past meetings, we shall try to keep the discussion as close as possible to a free-wheeling, informal conversation among the panelists and between the panels and the audience. Attendance will be by invitation only and will be limited in size; and we are most eager to have you with us. Aside from the fact that it will be a very great pleasure for all of us to be together and do some spirited talking, the problem we will be talking about is in its way perhaps the most serious as well as the most interesting one now facing the country.

Please let us know if you can come by writing to or calling Mrs. Anne Green at this office. happy to make the necessary arrangements and reservations for you.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that we may expect to see you on February 12th.

With best wishes,

OUR COUNTRY AND OUR CULTURE

A conference sponsored by the Committee for the Free World

February 12th and 13th, 1983 The Plaza Hotel, New York City

February 12th -- Grand Ballroom

8:00 am Registration

9:00 am Politics and the Arts

Chairman: Neal Kozodoy Presentation: Hilton Kramer

Panel: William Barrett, Joseph Epstein, Richard Grenier, Samuel Lipman

12 noon Lunch

Guest Speaker: William J. Bennett

2:00 pm The University and Its Discontents

Chairman: Robert W. Tucker Presentation: Robert Nisbet

Panel: Joseph Adelson, Brigitte Berger,

Werner J. Dannhauser, Gertrude Himmelfarb

9:00 pm to 1:00 a.m. -- Terrace Room

Party

February 13th -- Baroque Room

8:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am The Responsibility of the Press

Chairman: Roger Starr

Presentation: Irving Kristol

Panel: H. J. Kaplan, Michael Ledeen,

John O'Sullivan, Norman Podhoretz